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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 24, ALWINE, German steamer, 700, P. Moos, Hoihow 23rd March, General.—A. R. MARTY.

March 25, AGAMEMNON, British turret-ship, Capt. Samuel Long, Plymouth 19th Nov., and Singapore 17th March.

March 25, MARIE, German steamer, 704, W. Schaefer, Kelung 22nd March, Ballast.—WIELER & Co.

March 25, PRINZ ARTHUR, British str., 1,047, F. I. Kaffor, Bombay 4th March, via Singapore, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

March 25, OOPACK, British steamer, 1,730, Thomson, Saigon 20th March, Rice.—ARNHOLD KARBERG & Co.

March 25, ANTON, German steamer, 396, E. Asrebol, Hoihow 24th March, General.—WIELER & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

25TH MARCH.

Olympia, German str., for Swatow.
Greyhound, British str., for Hoihow.
Doris, German str., for Whampoa.
Vespasian, British str., for Saigon.

DEPARTURES.

March 25, KWONGSANG, British steamer, for Whampoa.

March 25, MADRAS, British steamer, for Nagasaki.

March 25, BOTHWELL CASTLE, British str., for Shanghai.

March 25, VOLGA, French str., for Yokohama.

March 25, ALMATIA, Amr. bark, for Whampoa.

March 25, HAILOONG, British str., for Swatow.

March 25, DORIS, German str., for Whampoa.

March 25, MEEFOO, Amr. str., for Whampoa.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Almine*, str., from Hoihow.—126 Chinese.
Per *Marie*, str., from Kelung.—Mr. Haaloop.
Per *Prinz Arthur*, str., from Bombay, &c.—100 Chinese.

AMOY SHIPPING.

March—	ARRIVALS.
18.	Thales, British str., from Foochow.
19.	Elizabeth, German frigate, from H'kong.
20.	Emuy, Spanish str., from Hongkong.
20.	Dominia, British str., from Hongkong.
20.	Seemo, British str., from Swatow.

March—	DEPARTURES.
17.	Rockhampton, British str., for Straits.
17.	Foksien, British str., for Foochow.
18.	Thales, British str., for Hongkong.
18.	Telemachus, British str., for Hongkong.
20.	Oscar Mooyer, British bark, for N'chwang.

VESSELS ARRIVED IN EUROPE FROM PORTS IN CHINA, JAPAN, AND MANILA.

(Per last Mail's Advice.)

Isla de Luzon (s.)	Manila	Feb. 5
Norma	Manila	Feb. 7
Pepa	Hongkong	Feb. 10
Isla de Cebu (s.)	Manila	Feb. 15

VESSELS EXPECTED AT HONGKONG.

(Corrected to Date.)

Thierva	Newport	Oct. 24
Birnham Wood	Penarth	Nov. 1
New City	New York	Nov. 11
Hindostan	Cuxhaven	Nov. 13
J. V. Troop	New York	Nov. 25
Wilna	Cardiff	Dec. 8
Rufas E. Wood	Cardiff	Dec. 16
Bantam (s.)	Glasgow	Dec. 23
Highland Chief	Cardiff	Dec. 29
Killarney (s.)	Bordeaux	Jan. 10
Highlander	San Francisco	Jan. 13
Heinrich	Cardiff	Jan. 13
Glamorganshire (s.)	Hamburg via L'don.	Jan. 22
Antoinetto	L'pool via Cardiff	Jan. 23
Ben. Sewall	New York	Jan. 27
County of York (s.)	L'pool via Swansea	Feb. 6
Tencer (s.)	London	Feb. 6
Glenfalloch (s.)	London	Feb. 7
Reporter	Cardiff	Feb. 10
Jason (s.)	Liverpool	Feb. 11
Columbus	London via Cardiff	Feb. 12

INTIMATIONS.

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING COMPANY, NORTH CHINA.

UNTIL Further Notice, MR. JAMES WILSON is appointed SOLE AGENT at Tientsin for the Sale and Shipment of KAIPING COALS.

TONG KING SING,
Managing Director,
C. E. & M. Co.

Tientsin, 21st February, 1885.

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The Output is now 600 Tons per diem and STEAMERS can be supplied Ex Depot.

For Further information, address

JAMES WILSON.

Tientsin, 21st February, 1885. [613

SARAWAK GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

TENDERS will be received up to 9 O'CLOCK on WEDNESDAY, the FIFTEENTH day of April, 1885, for renting the following Farms for Three (3) Years, from 1st July, 1885, viz:—

The Opium Farm for the Territory of Sarawak from Tanjong Datu to and inclusive of the Barem Residency, (a distance of 370 miles.)

The Gambling and Arrack Farm, from Tanjong Datu to and inclusive of the Sadong River.

For Further Information apply to Messrs. A. L. JOHNSTON & Co., or the Hon'ble the Resident of the 1st Division, Sarawak.

F. O. MAXWELL,
Resident.

Resident's Office,
21st February, 1885. [516

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.
Wine Shippers
OF LONDON, BORDEAUX, CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, MADRAS, LAHORE, KURRACHEE, &c.

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Call attention to some of the items consigned to their care by this well-known house:—

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STILL HOCK.
CHAMPAGNE, Royal Wine, as supplied to Her Majesty.
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These Sherries are also shipped in Jars.
INVALIDS' PORT WINE.
SCOTCH WHISKY, free from fusel oil.
COGNAC, Four Stars, Three Stars, Two Stars
Prices on application to either of the above Firms. [2114

THE Undersigned have been appointed Sole Agents for the Sale of their Goods in Hongkong and China by Messrs. J. & R. TENNENT, Glasgow, and Messrs. DAVID CORBAR & SONS, Arbroath.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, January, 1867. [20

INTIMATIONS.

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AN INSPECTION IS INVITED.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1884. [26

KELLY & WALSH
HAVE JUST RECEIVED
Colquhoun's Among the Shans.
Bradshaw's Overland Guide.
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New Photographs of late Colonel Burnaby.
New French Maps of Tonquin.
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For the use of Navies, Colonies and Consulates.
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By the use of this publication much time will be saved, as the selection of words is the most laborious part of the work of constructing Codes.
KELLY & WALSH, HONGKONG. [24

W. BREWER has just received
Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn."
Tennyson's New Poem "Becket."
Browning's New Poem "Fershtah's Fancies."
Swinburne's New Poem "Summer Holiday."
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Scott's Telegraph Codes.
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New Sporting Book with Cold Illustrations, "Best Season on Record."
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Stormonth's Dictionary of English Language.
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NEXT DOOR TO HONGKONG HOTEL. [25

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ESTIMATES furnished for the construction of STEAM LAUNCHES, REPAIRS to the ENGINES and BOILERS of STEAM SHIPS, CASTINGS, &c., &c., &c.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1885. [72

HAIPHONG.
CALIXTE IMBERT,
COMMISSION AGENT AND CARGO CONSIGNEE,
FOR IMPORT AND EXPORT,
HAIPHONG,
Will undertake Commissions for Firms in the Far East and receive Sample Consignments of Goods.
Communications in English and French. [1123

CHRISTMAS CAKES,
GAME PIES,
AND ALL LUXURIES
Can be obtained on application to the HONGKONG HOTEL.
H. ST. CLAIR GREELEY.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1884. [54

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day admitted MR. JOHN WILLIAM GRAHAM as a Partner in my Business, which will be carried on in future under the name of FORBES, GRAHAM & Co.

WILLIAM FORBES.

Tientsin, 1st March, 1885. [553

NOTICE.

MR. E. A. RAVEN having retired to Europe, the BUSINESS hitherto existing under his name will henceforth, be carried on by the Undersigned for his own account under the Style and Firm of H. EBELL.

H. EBELL.

Canton, 1st March, 1885. [486

NOTICE.

WE HAVE This Day authorized MR. JACOB SILAS MOSES to Sign our FIRM in Hongkong.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1885. [600

BANKS.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

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H. A. HERBERT.
Manager.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1885. [3

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN LIQUIDATION.

ALL HOLDERS of NOTES of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION (HONGKONG BRANCH) are hereby requested to present them to the LIQUIDATORS of the Bank, when they will be given in Exchange a Certificate of the Value of the Notes deposited.

HOLDERS of NOTES will be required to furnish to the Liquidators of the Bank, a schedule, in duplicate, giving the date of Issue, Number, and amount of each Note produced.

Forms of Schedule may be had on application at the OFFICE of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

For the
OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR
OF THE
ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION
By his Attorneys
J. MELVILLE MATSON,
H. HOWARD TAYLOR.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1884. [4

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL	$7,500,000.
RESERVE FUND	4,400,000.
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION OF DIVIDENDS	400,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS	7,500,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
Chairman—Hon. E. D. SASSOON.
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On Current Deposit Account at the rate of per cent. per Annum on the daily balance.
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For 3 months 3 per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months 4 per Cent. per Annum.
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DRAFTS granted on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 28th February 1885 [6

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct Security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.

3.—Sums less than $1, or more than $250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than $1,500 in any one year.

4.—Deposits may be made on behalf of relations, of Trusts, &c., in addition to the Depositor's own account.

5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.

6.—Depositors in the Savings Bank having $100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Ports by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any values.

8.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to Depositors on their daily balances.

9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked ON HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK BUSINESS, be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the Depositor or his duly appointed Agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings Bank are exempt from Stamp Duty.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 26th April 1884 [7

CHINA OVERLAND TRADE REPORT.

the
COMMERCIAL JOURNAL for CHINA, JAPAN, &c., &c.,
Published at the Office of the *Hongkong Daily Press* on the Morning of the Departure of the English Mail,
contains the
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REPORTS OF MEETINGS OF COMPANIES,
THE LATEST TELEGRAMS,
together with the
POLITICAL AND GENERAL NEWS of the Fortnight.

The "Trade Report" has a large circulation in Hongkong, the Ports of China and Japan, the Philippines Straits Settlements, &c., &c.

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held TO-MORROW, the 27th inst., at FOUR P.M., at the CITY HALL.

By Order
H. M. BAILY,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1885. [602

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FOURTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company, will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 28th March, 1885, at 12 O'CLOCK NOON, to receive the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1884.

The TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th March, both days inclusive.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office, as above on SATURDAY, the 28th March, 1885, immediately after the Ordinary Meeting, to Substitute, in Article No. 88 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Words "1st day of April and 1st day of October," instead of "1st day of January and 1st day of July," as at present.

By Order of the Board,
SAML. J. GOWER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1885. [569

NOTICE

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HONGKONG CLUB will be held at the CLUB HOUSE, on TUESDAY, the 31st instant, at HALF-PAST FOUR O'CLOCK P.M., for the purpose of confirming the Resolutions passed at the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING held yesterday. Copies of the Resolutions are posted in the Hall of the CLUB.

Immediately after the business of the Extraordinary General Meeting is concluded the YEARLY GENERAL MEETING will be held.

By Order of the General Committee,
EDWARD BEART,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1885. [583

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the half-year ending 31st December, 1884, at the rate of (£2) Two POUNDS STERLING per SHARE of $125 is Payable on and after MONDAY, the 2nd March, at the Offices of the Corporation where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1885. [453

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a Statement of Business Contributed during the Half-Year ended 31st December, 1884, on or before 31st March next, on which date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1885. [429

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1884.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above Office are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December, 1884, in order that the DISTRIBUTION OF BONUS may be arranged Returns not rendered prior to the 31st day of March instant will be Adjusted by the Office and no Claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.
Canton Insurance Office, Limited.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1885. [467

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RENTS COLLECTED.
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UNDERTAKERS,
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6, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST. [22

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY AT HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES to the extent of $65,000, on first-class risks at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1876. [10

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to INSURE against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, 1st January 1882. [16

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, at current rates.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, 5th November, 1883. [2077

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TO LET.

COLLEGE CHAMBERS (late HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS) Single Rooms or Suites of Apartments.
No. 4 & 18, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.
No. 44, GRAHAM STREET.
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Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1883. [31

TO LET.

ROOMS in CLUB CHAMBERS.

Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1883. [32

TO LET.

THE DWELLING HOUSE No. 3B, CAINE ROAD. Possession from 1st January, 1885.

Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1884. [37

GODOWNS TO BE LET in the Central Part of the Town and at Wanchai,
ALSO
GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Moderate Rates.
Apply to
FRAMJEE HORMUSJEE & Co.

Hongkong 12th March, 1885. [540

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EXCELSIOR—6 ROOMED BUNGALOW, ROBINSON ROAD. Garden and Tennis Lawn. Possession 1st June next.

No. 1, ALBANY, 6 ROOMS and GARDEN, &c.

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LINSTEAD & DAVIS.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1885. [309

TO BE LET.

OFFICES OR APARTMENTS
IN SUITES,
in STANLEY STREET, at the
Back of the VICTORIA EXCHANGE.
Apply to
A. S. WATSON & Co.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1885. [370

TO LET.

NO. 19, ELGIN STREET. Possession from 1st April, 1885.

J. J. DOS REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1885. [476

TO LET.

FOUR COMMODIOUS GODOWNS Nos. 64, 65, 92A and 93A, Bowrington, Wanchai.

Apply to
D. NOWROJEE,

Hongkong, 30th December, 1884. [39

TO LET.

ROOMS SUITABLE FOR OFFICES, immediately above the VICTORIA DISPENSARY, Peddars Street.

Apply to
WM. CRUICKSHANK.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1885. [421

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS.

Goods received on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in First-class Godowns.
Also
Entire GODOWNS to be LET
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Hongkong, 3rd March, 1881. [1032

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THE LARGE & COMMODIOUS HOUSE at Kowloon, known as "BELVUE," with GARDEN and TENNIS COURTS attached. Entry at once.

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Hongkong, 21st February, 1885. [400

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GOODS TAKEN ON STORAGE at the GODOWNS No. 3 Praya Central, at Moderate Rates.

Apply to
G. C. ANDERSON,
No. 4, Praya Central.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1885. [464

TO LET.

NO. 3, WEST TERRACE. Entry from 1st March.

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G. C. ANDERSON,
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Hongkong, 20th February, 1885. [396

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GEORGE GOULET CHAMPAGNE.

PUSTAU & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1884. [194

WINTER TIME TABLE.

THE KOWLOON FERRY.

STEAM-LAUNCH
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Cargo impeding the discharge of the steamer will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to Japan, unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON, TO-DAY.

All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 1st April next, or they will not be recognised.

RUSSELL & Co.,
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Hongkong, 24th March, 1885. [619

STEAMSHIP "IRAOUADDY."

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NOTICE.

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 30th instant, at NOON, will be subject to rent and landing charges at 1 cent. per package per diem.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 1st PROX., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
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Hongkong, 24th March, 1885.

TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO EX-O. S. S. CO'S S.S. "ULYSSES" FROM LIVERPOOL.

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Hongkong, 24th March, 1885. [581

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1885. [581

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The BISHOP OF VICTORIA has kindly promised to give the address.

There will also be MEETINGS on SATURDAYS 4th and 11th April.

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1885. [624

HONGKONG MUSICAL CLUB.

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2.—Chorus ... { "Sonnenuntergang in der Runde" } MENDELSSOHN.
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3.—Song ..... { "The Bloom is on the Rye" } ..... BISHOP.
MR. E. E. DEAR.
4.—Pianoforte Solo... { "Fantasia" from Dinorah } .....ASCHER.
MONS. SAUVLET.
5.—String Quintette ... { Concerto in Eb. Opus 87... a "Allegro" b "Andantino" } ... MOZART.
MEMBERS OF THE CLUB.
6.—Song ..... "Si tu savais" ..... BALFE.
MR. H. M. THOMSETT.

PART II.

7.—Orchestral Selection { "The Huguenots" } MEYERBEER.
MEMBERS OF THE CLUB.
8.—Song..... "Fair is my Love" ..... HATTON.
MR. J. WHITTALL.
9.—Violin Solo... { a "Barcarole" ..... L. SPOHR. b "Larghetto" ..... SCHUBERT.
HERR VON WILLE.
10.—Song..... "Two Spoons" ... DR. CALDICOTT.
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Hongkong, 26th March, 1885. [

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All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 26TH, 1885.

ALTHOUGH no further intelligence has come to hand respecting the progress of the peace negotiations between France and China, we may assume that communications are still going on between the two Governments. Whether the negotiations will lead to anything decisive is, however, entirely problematical. There is nothing certain at Peking. The strings are pulled one day by one faction; another day they are controlled by the opposite party. Palace cabals rule the foreign policy of the cabinet, which varies according to the views of the party which has last successfully intrigued its way to influence. The views of the principal wire pullers also undergo all sorts of changes, and the advocate of war one day is sometimes found eager for peace later on when his position has undergone a change or reverses have caused a decline in his popularity. Some time ago Prince CHUN, the EMPEROR'S father, was credited with strong warlike tendencies, but we are now informed that he has veered round in favour of peace, being heartily sick of the war, tired of its losses and the heavy expense it is entailing. Then, on the other hand, it is reported that the Empress, who was formerly inimical to hostilities, is now in favour of continuing the war, preferring to fight to the bitter end rather than concede French demands. We have no doubt that the Viceroy of Chihli favours a pacific policy, but he evidently has no intention of assuming any responsibility for the terms negotiated. He has memorialised the Throne for instructions, and will no doubt follow them very exactly. After the experience of the unfortunate CH'UNG HOW in treaty making, the mandarins will be slow to assume such responsibility, and LI HUNG-CHANG is the last Chinese official likely to allow himself to be made a scapegoat of by the Imperial Government. The want of finality to most Chinese negotiations, and the danger there is of an agreement being suddenly and capriciously upset at the instance of the Censorate, is pretty well understood by the French Government, who will not fail to exact guarantees for the fulfilment of any settlement that may be arrived at. The fate of the Treaty of Livadia, which had been concluded under direct telegraphic instructions from China, and ratified by the Emperor of RUSSIA, will serve as a warning and a guide to all European Powers when negotiating with the Peking Government. It is, however, to be hoped that the French Government will not ask for unreasonable guarantees, such as the Chinese will feel it impossible to concede. The only chance of an agreement being arrived at, and peace secured, lies in both Governments displaying moderation. The Chinese have suffered severe reverses, and the hostilities have cost them dearly, but they are far from being either crushed or exhausted. Their finances are certainly at a low ebb, and the necessity of imposing new taxes is a disagreeable one, likely to cause disaffection and even revolt, but it would be faced if the French demands proved excessive, and the resistance would be prolonged. On the other hand, the Chinese Government must expect to find the French terms somewhat harder than were demanded before the reprisals commenced. The French are now in a very different position. They are practically masters of Tonquin, in which country they have gradually massed a large army; they have a powerful fleet in China waters; and will soon be strong enough at Kolung to take and hold Tamsui and other towns in North Formosa. At the same time the French themselves, when negotiating, will have to remember that to maintain their present position in Tonquin in the face of Chinese opposition will entail the continuance of a large army of occupation, the cost of maintenance of which is enormous, while the mortality from sickness, engendered from unwholesome water and malaria, is simply destructive. The reprisals made by the French fleet also occasion a large outlay, and North Formosa cannot be held without a heavy expense. Clearly then, it is to the interest of both belligerents to come to terms, if possible. We have, on a previous occasion, pointed out that the Chinese Government can make peace without loss of face, having fought stubbornly and lost, while the French must be sincerely anxious to bring the miserable war, now unhinging trade, to a close before further millions of francs and hundreds of brave men are sacrificed to that desolating Moloch, the miscreating curse of war.

We have to acknowledge receipt of a pamphlet, in its third edition, entitled "England's Colonies her Strength," by J. H. De Lisle.

We would direct attention to the programme, on our front page, of the concert to be given by the members of the Musical Club on Saturday next, at St. Andrew's Hall, in aid of the funds of the City Hall.

From the advertisement in another column will be seen that an Evangelistic service will be held on Saturday next, at 6 p.m. in the Music Room of the City Hall, when the Right Rev. Bishop Burdon will give the address.

We learn from Messrs. Thos. Watson & Co.'s Circular that the export of Tea from Calcutta during the month of January last was 5,078,433 lbs. as compared with 5,273,106 lbs. in the same month of 1884, and 5,462,867 lbs. in January, 1883.

The missing portion of our Tamsui correspondent's interesting diary of events in North Formosa has come to hand, and will be found published in another column. It was despatched overland to Takao, which accounts for its late arrival here.

His Excellency the Governor has received an official letter from H.B.M.'s Consul at Pakhoi, stating that the blockade of that port by the French is in operation, and that one ship has already been stopped by them. It appears that the blockade reaches from the frontier of Tonquin to the 107th meridiam of Paris and includes Pakhoi.

The Royal Artillery Sports will take place this day week, and, as last year, there will be a drill competition for Volunteers with seven pounders. The guns will be raced for a distance, dismounted, mounted, fired, and raced back. The sergeants will get up their own detachments, and arrange what practice with them they may desire.

In connection with the Hongkong Auxiliary Flotilla for the defence of the harbour, some experiments have lately been made with the police launch *Charles May*, one of the boats to be so utilised. This craft was yesterday fitted up with a machine gun, and under Commander Ramsay, R.N., there was target practice of a satisfactory character.

A serious disturbance broke out at Quarry Bay yesterday afternoon, which resulted in fatal consequences. Owing to some cause of disagreement a feud arose between members of two clans, and the friends of each taking up the quarrel, a regular pitched battle between the clans took place, in which there was some very severe fighting, one man being killed and a number injured. Up to yesterday evening seven men had been arrested in connection with the affair. At about nine o'clock Chief Inspector Horspool, Inspector Rivers, and some police, proceeded to the scene in a police launch to assist Inspector Mackie, from Shaukiwan Station, in restoring order and arresting offenders.

The inquest on the body of the child which was exposed in Po Yan-street was resumed at the Magistracy yesterday morning before the Coroner, Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, and Messrs. A. Wright, J. M. dos Remedios, and C. H. Hogge as jury. It will be remembered that a Sikh constable saw a woman place the child in the side channel of Po Yan-street, and when he approached she went to it again and picked it up. He arrested the woman, and sent the child to the Civil Hospital, where it died from exhaustion, caused by an abscess on the neck. Dr. Wharry expressed an opinion that the child had had less than proper care, and that with proper care and nourishment it might have lived, as it was fairly healthy, apart from the abscess. The child was wrapped up in a piece of dirty old cloth. It had been refused admission at the Tung Wah Hospital. The jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes, and expressed an opinion that death had not been accelerated by exposure.

In an article on the fall of Khartoum and England's relations with the powers generally, the *Pall Mall Gazette* says:—"Oh," it will be replied, "we have our invincible navy." Yes, you have the navy, and "the truth about the navy" is pretty well known by this time. Note, for instance, the significant little telegram from Peking, concerning the blank amazement with which the statements of Sir Thomas Brassey and Lord Northbrook have been read by men who know the condition of our ships. "The English squadron on the Chinese station is a sham, especially in guns, and Admiral Courbet's ships could sink Admiral Dowell's without being hit," lying out of range of their guns the while. "But," cries the indignant Briton, "did not the Government promise to spend five solid millions and more in regaining our naval supremacy?" That is true, no doubt; but it is also true that they have not spent a penny of it. There is not one of the fifty new ships they promised so much as begun. Three months have elapsed and not even the specifications completed! That is the way in which the Government fulfil their promises, and maintain beyond dispute the ascendency of England on the sea. Turn where you please, and it is the same story. Our military ports, are they defended? No, that subject was postponed. Our commercial ports, is there as much as a torpedo boat to protect the Clyde or the Tyne? Not one—that subject has also been hung up to please the peace party. Then what about our stores of powder and the like? They are as they were. Nothing or next to nothing has been done. *Nous sommes trahis!* that terrible cry, once heard, is not soon forgotten, and we have no wish to hear its English equivalent from the lips of a nation that awakes too late to discover that it has lost its empire as it lost Khartoum.

Yesterday evening the successful competitors at the recent annual Volunteer competition received their prizes. There was a full dress parade at Headquarters, but the muster was rather a small one. General Sargent, with Mrs. and the Misses Sargent were present, as also were the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. W. H. Marsh, C.M.G., and the commandant, Col. Crawford. The prizes were set out on a table, in front of which the men were drawn up in double line. Major Tripp explained to Mrs. Sargent what the prizes were won for, and that lady handed the trophies to the successful competitors. The Challenge Cup, for the 64-pounders, which has to be won two consecutive years before becoming the property of any man, passed from Sergt.-Major Denson, the winner last year, to Lieut. McCallum, and Sergt.-Major Denson took another cup for his win. Gunner Wood took second prize; Gunner Soonderam was not present to receive his third prize. Gunner Cornish received the prize for 6.6 in. howitzer practice, and Corporal Read that for nine-inch gun competition. At the conclusion of the prize distribution Major Tripp thanked Mrs. Sargent for her kindness in giving the prizes, and wished her and the Misses Sargent a pleasant voyage home, and health and happiness in England. He concluded by calling upon the Volunteers to give three cheers for Mrs. Sargent, and they were given heartily, with one over. General Sargent addressed a few words to the Volunteers, expressing his satisfaction with their condition as to efficiency. He had been pleased to assist the Corps as far as he was able, and he was very gratified to see that they were fit to rank with the Volunteers in England, that great body which was now so important a part of our home defences. Major Tripp then tendered to General Sargent, on behalf of the Corps, the thanks of all members for the kind manner in which he has always assisted that body, and an expression of regret that they were about to lose him. General Sargent's past career had been one full of honour, and he trusted that his future career in England would be fully as successful. He wished the General *bon voyage* and good health in England.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held yesterday afternoon. There were present:—

His Excellency the Governor, Sir GEORGE FERGUSON BOWEN, G.C.M.G.
Hon. Sir GEORGE PHILLIPPO, Chief Justice.
Hon. W. H. MARSH, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.
Hon. E. L. O'MALLEY, Attorney-General.
Hon. A. LISTER, Colonial Treasurer.
Hon. J. M. PRICE, Surveyor-General.
Hon. F. STEWART, Registrar-General.
Hon. P. RYRIE.
Hon. W. KESWICK.
Hon. T. JACKSON.
Hon. F. D. SASSOON.
Hon. WONG SHING.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

THE LATE SIR HARRY PARKES.

HIS EXCELLENCY—The Hon. Mr. Ryrie will now, with the permission of the Council, make some remarks.

Hon. P. RYRIE (who exhibited deep emotion) said—Your Excellency, since we last met at this board the mournful intelligence has reached us of the death of a most distinguished man. I refer to Sir Harry Parkes. Of all the men who have ever been connected with China I think we must accord Sir Harry Parkes the front rank. He entered the service of Her Majesty as a youth, and even then he displayed such ability as placed him above most of his fellows. I recollect making his acquaintance and becoming his personal friend in Canton in 1851. He was then Vice-Consul and interpreter, and I can testify from personal knowledge to the zeal and ability which he always brought to bear on the duties that devolved on him and the interest he took in the welfare of the mercantile community of that port. Even at that early date he displayed the untiring activity, great capability, and fearlessness that distinguished him throughout his career. Again, when he accompanied Sir Hope Grant and Lord Elgin's force to Peking, what he endured and what courage he displayed when made a prisoner through treachery are a matter of history which I need not now enter on. When threatened with death daily and hourly he never flinched; he was there to vindicate England's honour, whatever the risk to himself might be. Again we find him as Allied Commissioner in Canton, and I can speak of my own knowledge of the risk of his life he then ran day by day. In that city, inhabited by a hostile population, and where he had to move about from place to place, and where at times he had to do many things distasteful to the Chinese, he there again showed such courage as I do not think has been excelled by any man who has ever been in Her Majesty's service. He most successfully conducted that portion of his duties. He was then translated to Japan, and we all know that he was the great power that stirred that country to enter on the path of progress. He advised the alteration in the form of Government, and the advance Japan has made, and which we all know is so wonderful, was largely due to his efforts. When he was appointed to the very onerous post of Minister to Peking we all looked to him as an officer who would take care of the interests of Englishmen and of English commerce, and who would never flinch from any responsibility, whatever it might be, when the interests of his countrymen were involved. I look upon his death as a calamity such as we, as far as China is concerned, have not sustained during the period of our intercourse with that country. He was the man of men, the man who knew the Chinese thoroughly, who had known them for over forty years, who was a proficient in their language, and knew their trains of thought and what their particular objects might be in anything that was proposed. I do not feel equal here to dwelling on all his great virtues, but I think he will ever be placed in the first rank of England's great men. The loss to the country is of course incalculable, but we have also to think of the loss to his relatives. They must feel his death most poignantly; to them it is an irreparable loss, and I think that considering that, particularly in the early days of his history, he had a great deal to do with this colony while he was on the staff of General Pottinger and later as Vice-Consul at Canton, it would be a very proper thing for this Council to pass a vote of condolence with the family of Sir Harry Parkes.

Hon. T. JACKSON—Your Excellency, I wish to endorse the very kindly words that have fallen from the senior member of this Council. I had the privilege and honour of knowing Sir Harry Parkes while in Japan, when I might almost say he was in the flower of his strength. I can truly say no more brave and true man ever served Her Majesty. Sir Harry Parkes was the *beau ideal* of a high minded and chivalrous gentleman, and I consider that by his death Her Majesty has lost a splendid servant, the empire one of its bright jewels, and we who had the honour and pleasure of his acquaintance have lost a sincere and sterling friend.

HIS EXCELLENCY said—Hon. Gentlemen, I am confident that the Senior Unofficial Member and the other hon. member who has just spoken, have rightly interpreted the feeling of this Council. I may say of the entire community, in the remarks which they have made respecting the death of Sir Harry Parkes. To show how completely I sympathise with the general sorrow for the loss of my lamented friend, I will read the despatch which I addressed on this subject by the last mail to the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—

Government House, Hongkong,
March 24, 1885.

MY LORD,—I have the honour to report that the telegraphic intelligence of the death of Sir Harry Parkes on the 22nd instant, of remittant typhoid fever, after three days' illness, has caused much sorrow in Hongkong, where he had formerly resided for several years. This feeling will be general throughout the English communities in China and Japan, with which he has been connected as Consul and Minister for above a quarter of a century. Even those who differed from some parts of Sir Harry Parkes's policy always admired his many high qualities,—his courage, his energy, his manifest devotion to the public service. To myself he is a great loss. Our relations, both official and personal, have always been most cordial; he deplored that I had been obliged to seek, on medical certificate, the leave of absence which was so kindly granted by your lordship; and he rejoiced and applauded when I decided, at whatever risk of health and sacrifice of personal convenience, to remain at my post during the present crisis in the affairs of this quarter of the globe. The feeling of Sir Harry Parkes on this point was identical with my own. He had been for some time in failing health, and he felt severely the weight of work and responsibility pressing upon him, as upon me, at the present juncture. But he declined to listen to the advice given him to seek at least temporary rest and relaxation. Recently he wrote to a friend as follows:—"Where I may fail is in physical health, which warns me that the present strain will have its limits, and that some relief,—even if it be for a short period,—will become indispensable. I shall do my best, however, to hold on till the end of this year." His friends knew, and Sir Harry Parkes himself knew, that his impaired strength would yield altogether to any severe attack of illness, if he should determine to remain at Peking. He did so determine, and thus this able and gallant servant of his Queen and country has died by the most enviable of all deaths, at the post of honour and duty.

The question before the Council now is that this Council pass a resolution of condolence with the family of the late Sir Harry Parkes; which resolution I shall have very great pleasure in forwarding.

Carried unanimously.

THE MARRIED WOMEN'S DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the second reading of the Married Women's Disposition of Property Ordinance.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

Carried.

THE INCORPORATION OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC VICAR APOSTOLIC OF HONGKONG.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I have now to move the first reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance for the incorporation of the Roman Catholic Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong. The object of the Bill is twofold, first, to provide for the incorporation of the Roman Catholic Vicar Apostolic, and, secondly, to provide for the vesting in the corporation so constituted of the property which is now held by various persons in trust for the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith; and inasmuch as this provision was conceived to be to some extent in the nature of a provision affecting private rights it was thought desirable to give those notices required in such cases by the standing orders. I understand from the Clerk of Councils that all such notices have been given. I therefore propose the first reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

Carried.

THE BILLS OF EXCHANGE ORDINANCE.

The Council resumed the consideration in Committee of the Bills of Exchange Bill, and disposed of a number of clauses.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Council adjourned until Wednesday next.

Preparations are being made at Woolwich Arsenal for the proof trials of an enormous gun which is now in process of construction at Elswick, and will be delivered a few months hence. It will weigh 110 tons and have a carriage of 90 tons, the total weight of 200 tons being considerably in excess of previous undertakings. The gun will be a breachloader and have a bore of 16 inches. Its length will be 43 feet 8 inches, but its extreme diameter at the breech will be only 5 feet 6 inches, and it will have a very elongated chase or barrel tapering down to 26 inches, with a slight swelling at the muzzle. The carriage will run on the ordinary railway gauge, but the line leading to the proof-butts will have to be partly relaid, and the bridge over the canal will probably be strengthened. After the gun has been proved at Woolwich it will be taken to Shoeburyness for the purpose of trying its range and accuracy, and it is at present a question whether the gun barge *Mayo* can be altered to receive it, or whether it will be necessary to provide another vessel. Three guns of this description are to be made, and they are intended for the Royal Navy.

ARRIVAL OF H. M. S. "AGAMEMNON."

The double-screw turret ironclad *Agamemnon*, Captain S. Long, steamed into harbour yesterday morning, soon after eight o'clock, looking like what she really is, a floating castle. Those who happened to be looking over the harbour at the time were much interested in watching the ship's movements, and after all that has been said about her steering, were somewhat surprised to see the remarkably small space in which she turned. The talk about her steering is designated "a yarn" by those on board, who all seem to take as much pride in the ugly looking monster as if she were the neatest craft that ever ploughed the waves. It seems to be a fact, and a very gratifying one, that since her trim has been properly adjusted and the necessary alterations in her gear made she steers very fairly. The pilot who took her into Singapore said he would rather have the *Agamemnon* to handle than the *Audacious*. She left Singapore on the 17th instant and made the run up in six and a half days, but anchored outside for thirty-six hours on account of thick weather, thus making the time from port to port eight days. We give below a technical description of the ship from a standard work, and after all that has been written about her and reproduced in our columns it is hardly necessary that we should supplement it with any remarks of our own. We can promise our readers, however, that if they pay a visit on board they will see one of the most interesting sights imaginable in the way of machinery for dealing out death and destruction on a wholesale scale. No doubt Captain Long will extend the same courtesy to the residents of Hongkong in throwing the ship open to their inspection as he has to the residents at the various ports called at on the way out. The non-professional visitors will probably come away, like the Colombo reporter whose account we reproduced yesterday, with the memory of such a confused mass of hydraulic machines, pipes, cocks, etc., etc., that it will be with difficulty that they will be able to disconnect them sufficiently to give any but the haziest idea of what they have actually seen. They will come away, however, with an idea of immense power, both of offence and resistance. The turrets and the four thirty-eight ton guns will naturally be the chief point of attraction. These large guns are muzzle-loaders, but the system by which they are loaded is so perfect that the time consumed in the operation would, we should think, be little if any greater than that required for breech-loaders. The muzzles are depressed towards the deck, in which there are openings through which the the charge and projectiles are passed from magazines below by hydraulic machinery and at once rammed home, also by hydraulic power. In addition to the four large guns the *Agamemnon* also carries two 4-ton breech-loaders, one at the bow and one at the stern; eight Nordenfeldts and four Gardners, which are fixed at various points on the superstructure and in the tops; and a torpedo ejector on each side. She has three electric lights, two forward and one aft.

The following description of the *Agamemnon* is taken from Sir Thomas Brassey's work on the British Navy, published in 1882:—The *Agamemnon* is of the same type as the *Inflexible*, which is described in that work as being accepted as the future type of the British line of battle ship, but of smaller dimensions, and her armament is the same as that of the *Dreadnought*, but her armour is heavier. She has two sets of inverted three cylinder engines, each set of engines having three inverted cylinders of a diameter of 54 inches, and a stroke of 3 feet 3 inches. They are the same class of engines as were first started in the *Northampton* and its sister ship the *Nelson*, which were designed during the summer of 1874, and during the following winter the first ships *Ajax* and *Agamemnon* were designed. Both vessels are lightly rigged, and are almost entirely dependent upon their engines for propulsion. They have each twin screws. The *Agamemnon* is 280 feet in length between the perpendiculars, beam 63 feet, mean draught of water 23ft. 4in., displacement 8,402 tons, length of citadel 104 feet, with an armoured deck outside the citadel 5ft. 10ins. below the water line, and a fresh board of 9ft. 6 inches. She has cork chambers extending forward of the citadel 30 feet, and abaft it for 37 feet. She has armour in two thicknesses, with teak backing between as follow—eleven inches of backing between vertical iron girders eleven inches deep; in the rear of the backing a second thickness of armour, and behind this again, seven inches of teak backing fitted between horizontal girders of equal depth. These are attached to the shell plate of the ship, which is in two thicknesses of one and a half inches. The thickness of the wood backing of the citadel is thus 18 inches, varying in different parts. The three inch armoured deck is made up of two thicknesses, one of two inches, and one of one inch. The hull is built upon the longitudinal and bracket plate system, and well divided into watertight compartments. When the ship was launched she was described by the *Times* as the child of controversy. From the time that her keel was laid, she had been the subject of anxious thought and great controversy, she was consequently a long time upon the stocks, and she represents an attempt to reduce the size of ironclads without reducing their power. She carries heavier armour than any vessel in the Navy but the *Inflexible*. She has two revolving turrets of iron, one and a half inch thick, *en echelon*, each containing two 38-ton guns. She is also armed with Whitehead torpedoes, which she can eject from the sides of her citadel. She is an unsightly vessel, but what she lacks in appearance she makes up in power, and it is no exaggeration to describe her and the *Ajax* as among the most formidable ironclads afloat, and they, with the *Devastation* and *Dreadnought*, will help to provide the navy with a fleet of the most powerful monitors in the world. The *Thunderer*, the *Superb*, the *Neptune*, and the *Agamemnon* are provided with water-tight compartments, which, instead of being empty, are filled with cork. The loading and working of the guns is done by hydraulic machinery. The plates used in her armour are steel faced composite plates, the most expensive used in her Majesty's ships—three inches of steel facing, and iron backing behind. The estimated speed of the vessel is thirteen knots, and she can carry 700 tons of coal, which is equivalent to five or six days' steaming at full speed. Her crew consists of 350 men, of whom one third are engineers, &c., about 70 marines, and the remainder, about half, bluejackets. Her armour and backing weighs 3,000 tons, and her guns and ammunition 400 tons.

The following is a list of her officers:—

Captain—Samuel Long, 2 Sept., 84.
Commander—Gerald C. Langley, 16 Sept., 84.
Lieutenant—(G) Henry A. Ogle, 16 Sept., 84. Rowland E. Berkeley, 3 November, 84, Reginald Y. Smith, 8 October, 84, Henry W. Targot, 8 October, 84, George G. Haswell, 26 September, 84, Ernest C. T. Troubridge, 16 September, 84, Alexander L. Duff, 16 September, 84.
Staff-Com.—Thurston Stringer, 1 May, 82.
Captain Marine Artillery—Laurence B. Connolly, 16 September, 84.
Chaplain—Rev. George P. Archer, M.A., 16 September, 84.
Fleet-Surgeon—Edward J. Sharood, M.D., 16 September, 84.
Paymaster—George M. Blyth, 16 September, 84.
Chief Engineer—John E. Turner, 24 January, 84.
Sub-Lieut.—Peter N. Richards 16 September, 84.
Surgeon—Edward Ferguson, 16 September, 84.
Assistant Paymaster—Charles D. M. Horne, 31 October, 84, Alfred Clarke, 26 September, 84.
Engineer—Nicholas Measden, 10 September, 84, William Sharp, 16 September, 84, Edwin K. Odam, 6 May, 84.
Assistant Engineer—Charles W. Gregory, 16 September, 84, Henry L. Manning (acting) 16 September, 84.
Gunner—(T) William Hutson, 24 September, 84, George Darby (acting) 16 September, 84, William J. Sivyer (acting) 16 September, 84, William L. Crothers, (acting) 16 September, 84.
Boatswain—John Allen, 13 June, 83. Richard H. Trigger, 11 November, 84.
Carpenter—William Hansom, 4 October, 83.

The *Agamemnon* was commissioned at Devonport on the 16th September, 1884.

THE BUFFS' ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The annual series of athletic sports in connection with the above Regiment took place yesterday under not particularly favourable conditions with regard to weather although the rain held off during the day. The rain of the night before and during the early part of the morning had made the ground heavy going and was not conducive to good times for the running events, or good jumping. A commencement was made shortly before eleven a.m. with putting the shot, in which the competitors excelled past year's records. The final pull of the Companies' tugs-of-war was postponed. The cricket ball throwing was much above the average; Hendry's throw of 105 yards on Saturday was one of the best that had been recorded in the colony, but that of Drummer Bowdidge beat his throw by four yards During the afternoon there was a large crowd of spectators on the ground, the attendance including many ladies. The races were all pretty numerously contested, and the running was about up to the average. The open tug-of-war was not so interesting as usual, as the police did not send out a team, and the regimental team had an easy victory over two sent from the U. S. men-of-war, in the harbour, and from the Royal Artillery. The band of the regiment, under Bandmaster Kelly, added much to the general enjoyment by discoursing a well selected programme of music, and some amateur nigger minstrels from the regiment did their best to amuse, one giving some clever step dances. At the conclusion of the sports the prizes were presented by Mrs. Sargent.

The events are appended:—

PUTTING THE SHOT (with a follow).—First prize, $3; second prize, $1.

Entries—Privates Tripp, Hodges, Bowdidge and Bandmaster Kelly.

Pte. Tripp (D Company) 35ft. 5in. 1
Drumr. Bowdidge (B Company) 35ft. 4in. 2

There was a close competition between the four men, Bowdidge being the best for a time, but Tripp, at his last chance got beyond him, and beat him by an inch. Hodges was third.

BROAD JUMP.—First prize, $2; second prize, $1.

Entries—Ptes. Taylor, Drury, Caffrey, Woodruffe, and Whitehead, and Lce. Corpl. Swindell.

Pte. Caffrey (B Company) 15ft. 9in..... 1
Pte. Drury (D Company) 16ft. 2

The competition was very close, and the best jump was really made by Taylor, but unfortunately he disqualified his two best jumps by toeing the line, and afterwards he was unable to do so well.

HIGH JUMP.—First prize, $2; second prize, $1.

Entries—Privates Whitehead, Swindell, Taylor, Jones, and Caffrey.

Caffrey failed at the first jump, Swindell was the next to fail three holes higher, and Jones followed at the next hole. Whitehead and Taylor were left to compete, the former cleared the next jump, but Taylor did not quite manage it.

Pte. Whitehead (B Company) 6ft. 10in. 1
Pte. Taylor (D Company) 4ft. 8in. 2

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.—First prize, $2; second prize, $1.

Entries—Privates Jones, Drury, Marchand, Francis; Mullins, Wotton, Humphreys, and Vasey, and Drummer Bowdidge.

This was one of the best exhibitions the men made, the throwing all round being of a first class character. Bowdidge and Vasey pressed each other very closely and the former proved the better man with probably the best recorded throw that has been made in the colony.

Drumr. Bowdidge (B Company) 109yds. 1
Pte. Vasey (H Company) 102yds. 8in.... 2

RECRUITS' RACE, (200 yards) for men under two years' service.—First prize, $3; second prize, $2.

Entries—Privates Froggett, Garrett, Bush, Staple, and Taylor.

All the men but Froggett made bad starts, and he secured about five yards advantage by the way he got off. He held his lead all the way to the tape, and Bush would have been second had he not eased up at the finish. Time, 29 3-5ths sec.

Froggett (G Company) 1
Garrett (B Company) 2

QUARTER MILE RACE.—First prize, $5; second prize, $2; third prize, $1.

Entries—Corporals Withers, Brown, Husted, and Wood, and Privates Cook and Marchand.

Brown had the lead at first, but he could not stay the pace, and before half the distance had been covered he was passed by Wood, and directly after by Withers and Cook. Wood won by a good ten yards, with Withers second and Cook third. Time, 58 secs.

Corpl. Wood (H Company) 1
Corpl. Withers (B Company)..... 2
Pte. Cook (C Company) 3

100 YARDS' RACE.—First prize, $4; second prize, $2; third prize, $1.

First Heat—Entries—Corpls. Withers, Barber, and Brown, Ptes. Drury, Marchand, and Russell. Brown went off with the lead, getting a good start, and Withers, who stumbled, and was last at one time, got second place. Time, 11 1-5th secs.

Corpl. Brown..... 1
Corpl. Withers 2
Pte. Drury..... 3

SECOND HEAT—Entries—Corpls. Husted and Wood, Ptes. Froggett, Cook, Mara, and Drummer Bowdidge. The time was the same as in the former heat, and after a close race the order was

Drummer Bowdidge..... 1
Pte. Froggett 2
Corpl. Husted 3

FINAL HEAT.—There was a very hot race all the way down, and only a foot or two divided the placed men. Time, 10 4-5ths secs.

Corpl. Withers (B Company) 1
Corpl. Husted (G Company) 2
Drumr. Bowdidge (B Company) 3

GARRISON RACE, (220 yards.—Open to Garrison, Buffs excepted).—First prize, $5; second prize, $2.

Entries—Gunner Cotton R. A., Gunner Powell R.A., Bombardier Whitbread R.A., Gunner Barter R.A.

Gunner Powell 1
Bombardier Whitbread 2

Powell made a good start, and held the lead the whole way round, winning easily at the finish, merely walking up to the tape. Whitbread was the last away, but he got into second place. Time, 30½ secs.

HURDLE RACE, (120 yards, 10 flights).—First prize, $4; second prize, $2; third prize, $1.

Entries—Corpls. Brown and Swindell, Ptes. Drury, Taylor, Jones, Childs, and Drummer Bowdidge.

The race was run in heats.

FIRST HEAT—Time, 21½ secs.

Jones 1
Childs..... 2

SECOND HEAT,—Time, 20 3-5ths secs.

Brown 1
Swindell..... 2

FINAL HEAT,—Time, 20 4-5ths secs.

Corpl. Brown (D Compy.) 1
Corpl. Swindell (B Compy.) 2
Pte. Jones (F. Compy.) } 3
Pte. Childs (A Compy.) }

This was an exceedingly close race, and the leading men cleared the hurdles very well.

ALL COMERS' RACE, (¼mile—open to the world).—First prize, $5; second prize, $2; third prize, $1.

Entries—Bombardier Whitbread, R.A., Gunners Cotton and Powell, R.A., seamen Bortenshaw (H.M.S. *Agamemnon*), and Norton and Tressault (U.S.S. *Trenton*.)

This was a hollow race, as Whitbread and Powell had it all their own way, and seemed to have arranged the matter between themselves, for they ran ahead of the rest, talking to each other, and Powell allowed Whitbread to win as he pleased. Time, 62 3-5ths secs.

Bombr. Whitbread, R.A. 1
Gunner Powell, R.A. 2
Gunner Cotton, R.A. 3

N. C. OFFICERS' RACE, (100 yards).—First prize, $3; second prize, $2; third prize, $1.

Entries—Corpls. Withers, Brown, Husted, Edgell and Barber.

Corpl. Withers (B Company)..... 1
Corpl. Husted (G Company)..... 2
Corpl. Brown (D Company) 3

There was a capital race, Brown being ahead for the first half of the course. Time, 11 1-5th secs.

THREE LEGGED RACE, (80 yards).—First prize, $2; second prize, $1.

Entries—Garrott and Finch, Clark and Childs, Marchand and Enssell, Chaney and Smith, Adams and Swindell, Jones and Taylor. Time, 11 2-5ths secs.

Clarke } (A Company) 1
Childs }
Jones } (F Company) 2
Taylor }

VETERANS' RACE, (100 yards) over 12 years' service, boys' service not to count (1st prize presented by H.E. Lieut.-General Sargent, C.B.).—First prize, watch; second prize, $2.

Entries—Ptes. Tapp (scratch) Devan (2 yards) Sergt. Freeborn (4 yards), Colr. Sergt Giles (5 yards), Ptes. Mullens, Healy, Clark, and Humphroys (6 yds) each. Time, 11 secs. and a very close race, Mullens was third.

Pte. Tapp (A Company)..... 1
Pte. Devan (F Company)..... 2

The handicapping was according to years of service, one yard per year over 12 years service.

HALF MILE RACE, (Prizes presented by H.E. Lieut.-General Sargent, C.B.).—First prize, $3; second prize, $2; third prize, $1.

Entries—Ptes. Phillips, Day, Hanrahan, Higgins, Smith, and Edwards, and Corpl Wood.

Pte. Phillips (F Company)..... 1
Corpl. Wood (H Company)..... 2
Pte. Hanrahan (E Company)..... 3

Phillips led the greater part of the way, and going with a good long stride, he won easily by about 30 yards. All but the placed three gave up. Time, 2 min. 25 secs.

CONSOLATION RACE, (200 yards).—First prize, $2; second prize, $1.

Entries Ptes. Mara, Marchand, and Russell, and Corpl Barber. There was a good race which resulted as follows.

Corpl. Barber 1
Pte. Russell 2

BAND RACE.—100 yards. Three prizes.

Seven entries—Time, 12 secs.

Pte. Cook (C Company) 1
Pte. Tapp (A Company) 2
Pte. Dane (G Company) 3

RACE FOR UNITED STATES SEAMEN.—200 Yards.—Three prizes.

Entries Norton, Ford, Treslett, Kane, and Brown. Time, 30 secs.

Treslett 1
Kane 2
Ford 3

SERGTS RACE.—100 Yards; for all sergeants of the garrison. Three prizes.

There were nine entries, the placed men being

Sergt. Toop (Buffs) 1
Sergt. Fox (Buffs) 2
Sergt. Howard (Buffs) 3

FATIGUE MEN'S RACE.—100 yards, for men who had been on duty on the ground.

Pte. Jones..... 1
Sergt. Toop 2

TUG-OF-WAR.

OPEN TO NAVAL, MILITARY, POLICE, AND CIVILIAN TEAMS.—Prize, $10.

Only three teams entered—viz. one from the Buffs, one from the Artillery, and another from the U.S. men-of-war in the harbour, the police being this year conspicuous by their absence. The teams were composed of ten men each.

BUFFS v. U.S. NAVY.—There was but a brief struggle, which was all one way from the start. At the first call the soldiers began to put the representatives of the stars and stripes on the move, and had them over in less than a minute.

ARTILLERY v. SCRATCH TEAM.—This was got up so that the former, who would otherwise have had a bye, should not go fresh to pull against the Buffs team. The scratch team was composed of men from the regiment, who were rather easily defeated by the Artillery.

BUFFS v. ARTILLERY.—This was the same Buffs team which beat the Americans, which was captained by Lieut. D'Aeth. The contest was again rather a short one, and though the R. A. men had the pull of the weight, they were beaten. At the call "heave" they gained a trifling advantage, but lost it soon after, and were over the line in rather over a minute. The cheering among the Buffs at the success of their representatives was immense.

OFFICERS v. SERGEANTS OF THE GARRISON. This was a tug got up on the ground and pulled to fill up time. They were eleven a side, and were composed as follow:—

OFFICERS.	SERGEANTS.
Col. Graves (Buffs)	Sergt. Giles
Surgeon Thompson	Sergt. Coulby
Lieut. D'Aeth (Buffs)	Sergt. Howard.
Lieut. Jarrett (Buffs)	Sergt. Forman
Lieut. Vickerman (Buffs)	Sergt. Thompson
Mr. LeMesurier (A.C.S.C.)	Sergt. Wright
Lieut. Ravenhill (Buffs)	Sergt. Farnell
Lieut. Danglish (Buffs)	Sergt. Yeo
Lieut. Vyvyan (Buffs)	Sergt. Healey
Lieut. Young (R.N.)	Sergt. Fox
Qr. Mr. Johnston (Ord.)	Sergt. Coppins

The officers made a short stand only, losing ground from the first, and never recovering.

SUPREME COURT.

25th March.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE HON.

quite a new type turned up. The day was the hottest experienced this year, the thermometer in the shade being 70 degrees. Outside the bar it was as calm as a millpond, and the launch went out and returned after sunset with letters and stores for the *Cockchafer* and a mail at last for the poor insignificant merchants. Admiral Lespés seems not to have made any objection to the delivery of mail letters on this occasion, for which we are extremely grateful to him. No time was given to reply to letters, off went the letter bags before you could masticate your mail matter. Everything seems to be done in such an extraordinary way, one can't help grumbling! One would think that Tamsui was a plague-stricken country, and that after landing a few letters and stores, the best thing to do was to get clear away from the place. Perhaps the idea is a correct one, but as we are only visited once in every four or five weeks, time might be given to us to reply to our letters. We should then have nothing to complain of.

4th March.

Foggy morning. *Swift* got away last night. Rumours from Kelung that fighting was going on there.

Chinese state that General Liu Ming-chuan has been denounced for having "bolted" from Kelung and for giving the place up to the French without a proper fight.

A mandarin ranking higher than General Liu has arrived from the North, with full powers, and it is said that this mandarin has ordered Liu and his troops to Kelung with instructions to retake the place. It is said that if Liu does not succeed, he will be degraded. Three French ships outside.

5th March.

Only two ships outside this morning, the *Atalante* and a black looking craft; the smart looking *Villars* has vamosed. The climate has changed of late, getting much warmer. It is said that a great many northern soldiers have lately arrived from the south of this island, many of them having been landed on the south-east coast and marched across country to Takao, and thence overland to Banca. The Chinese must be thirty thousand strong at the very least in the neighbourhood of Wan Wan, and in the Banca plain and at Hubei. In putting the total number down at 30,000 we do not think we are over-estimating it at all. A big steamer looking like a French mail boat passed the port to-day on her way south. The news is pretty generally known here now that Admiral Courbet is flying round at sea and has succeeded in sinking two Chinese men-of-war with torpedo boats.

There was an "assault at arms" this afternoon. All the blue jackets and marines of the *Cockchafer* were on shore, and the time passed away very pleasantly in watching the various pitched battles between bayonet and sword and bayonet v. bayonet. There were other feats, such as throwing a 24lb. shot. A stalwart marine of the name of Foster, hailing from London town, beat all his competitors hollow, many of them being West country men and good men to boot. The distance thrown was 25 feet 2 inches. There was a very exciting tournament which afforded great amusement. Two of the strongest men carried on their shoulders two knights in armour each holding a long bamboo. The bugle sounded the charge and the combatants rushed furiously at each other. There was no mistake about the intention of the knights, they rode straight at each other full tilt, and in one encounter a marine of the name of Hampson, mounted on the shoulders of Foster, planted his bamboo spear right in the breast of his opponent, and unhorsed him as clean as the Arthurean knights of old would have done. It was a pretty hard afternoon's work, what with bayonet exercise, single sticks, cutting bars of lead with a cutlass, &c. The day's fun on shore was wound up by a tug-of-war between the starboard and port watches, and then the foreign community challenged the *Cockchafer's* men, and much to the astonishment of the land lubbers, they dragged their opponents twice out of three tugs across the line, which proves without doubt that the unfortunate Tamsuiites are made of pretty good stuff and are, after all the rough treatment, in very good fettle!

6th March.

To-day the Chinese hoisted on a bamboo pole a black flag on an exposed point near the Pilot village. It is said to be a challenge to the French, to come on!

Another fine bright day; only one French ship outside. No end of rumours from Kelung; that there has been a severe battle is undoubted. Chinese make no mystery about it, and from all that can be learnt, a good many Chinese have been killed and the French have taken one or two positions from them of some consequence. It is impossible to get at the truth of these reports, but there has been fighting of more than an ordinary kind, and it would appear that the French have gained some advantage. Later news may contain fuller details, and several grains of truth, it is to be hoped.

J. D.

THE ANGLO-ITALIAN UNDERSTANDING.

The *Opinione* says:—"While the news of the fall of Khartoum was heard with dismay in all civilised countries, in Italy, especially, it aroused a sorrowful echo. We profoundly love and esteem the great and free English people, who have been the school and example by which our greatest statesmen have been formed, and we are accustomed to look upon England as a bright beacon of human liberty and of wisdom in the governing of peoples. Her glories and her troubles touch us nearly, and no nation in Europe participates more than the Italian in the feeling of consternation which now agitates the strong and sterling patriotism of England. A hero like Gordon, who, after a sublime resistance, falls at the moment when tardy help finally reaches him; an expedition which, for its courage and the rapidity of its marches, recalls some of the most celebrated of antiquity, seeing success change into disaster at the moment it was reaching the goal; the pride and affection of England, her two predominant feelings, offended and severely tried at the same time—these things make a very solemn and tragic moment. But it is not that England, powerful and trained to turn even her misfortunes to account, will not rise at the rebound; those modern Romans, equally with the ancient, whenever their legions are defeated, renew them, as Cæsar taught, *magnâ festinatione*. There can be no doubt England will succeed in dominating adversity and in turning it in her favour, as all her history teaches. She who conquered Napoleon I., who put down the Indian rebellion, will certainly not bend under the difficulties in the Soudan, whatever they may be. . . . The Italian Government has, if we are correctly informed, entered into no engagement with England. Above all written and positive undertakings there may arise in the life of a nation which aspires to be worth something in the world other kinds of engagements. We ought to consider the situation with great calmness. We must not give ourselves the air of thinking we are necessary to a great people, which needs the help of no one; but, in face of events so grave and unexpected, it is well that England should know she may rely, as much in the Mediterranean as in the Red Sea, upon the warm and cordial friendship of a free people, who look up to her as a model unsurpassed in civil greatness, in political liberty, and in the power of civilising barbarous nations." In another article the *Opinione* writes—"We do not know if our co-operation will be desired by England, so powerful and so accustomed to overcome her greatest difficulties alone; but if it should be asked, our Government, which best understands the situation and can alone decide, would do well to consent, and should do so with the same loftiness of intention which guided Cavour in the Crimean expedition. Cavour did not ask for any positive recompense, but he obtained a conspicuous one, for New Italy derived her maturity through that event."

RUSSIA IN CENTRAL ASIA.

The *Augsburger Allgemeine Zeitung* contains a semi-official communication from St. Petersburg defending Russia against the charge of meditating fresh annexations in Central Asia. It runs thus:—"The delimitation of the Afghan frontier is likely to prove a most difficult, and, according to all appearances, a most useless undertaking. What can it matter to Russia whether she possesses a few square miles of territory more or less in the steppes which form the boundary district between Russia and Afghanistan? England's proposal to delimitate the frontier was accepted by Russia merely in order to dispel England's mistrust of our policy in Central Asia, but it was not foreseen at the time what difficulties would be met with in carrying it out. It is not so much the fixing of the frontier itself that may prove dangerous, as the incidents that may unexpectedly arise in connection therewith. Hence it is desirable that the Cabinets of London and St. Petersburg should arrive at an understanding before incidents crop up that may have immeasurable consequences. There is yet ground for hope that the two Governments will show their good will by consenting to give the whole delimitation a purely local significance. In that case there will be no danger of peace being disturbed in Central Asia."

SPAIN IN THE PACIFIC.

The *Imparcial* states that Spain will be most happy to join Holland, Portugal, England, France, the United States, and Germany, in any future conference that may be summoned to define the rights of those or any other nations among the islands of the Pacific Ocean, and to lay down rules and limitations for future annexations in the Far East, as has lately been done for Equatorial Africa. But the *Imparcial* calls upon the Madrid Government to defend, in any future conference, the ancient rights of Spain over the Mariana (Ladrone), Carolina, Palaos (Pelew), Scoloo, and Philippine Archipelagoes and their dependencies, and to resist all invasions of territories discovered by Spaniards and colonised by them since the 16th century, in the time of Philip II. The *Imparcial* especially calls the attention of the Madrid Government to the fact that, as in the case of the Equatorial possessions of Spain on the West Coast of Africa, so in the Far East, the maps recently published in Germany and other countries prove a disposition on the part of the European Powers to dispute Spanish rights in the Caroline and Mariana Archipelagoes, and, what is far more serious, the Spanish right over the Island of Mindanao, where there are no fewer than fourteen important stations, factories, and missions, some dating two centuries back. The same thing occurs with the Isles of Balabac and Paragua in the Philippine Archipelago; and as far back as 1874 Spanish cruisers from Manila found the German flag hoisted on islands forming part of the decidedly Spanish Archipelago of the Caroline Islands. *El Imparcial*, like *El Correo*, *Iberia*, and other Madrid papers, obtains these and its African data from the African and Geographical Societies, which have been very active during the last few years in Spain in promoting colonial enterprise.

THE RUSSIAN ADVANCE ON HERAT

In an article on the Boundary Commission, the Indian *Pioneer* says:—The slice of territory which M. Lessar has been coolly claiming in London lies to the north and west of a line drawn from about Maruchak through Kara Tapa, Aktachi and Chasma Sabz to Toman Agha. If this claim were allowed the Russian frontier would be within 40 or 50 miles of Herat itself, and as the road from Sarakhs to the mountain chain is fairly good General Komaroff would only have to use a few pounds of dynamite in the Khomban Pass to make the passage of an army with a siege train and field artillery a simple matter indeed. We do not say Russia is prepared *now* to make such a move; but if by persistence and loud talk she can make the English ministry—now almost at her mercy on account of the Soudan campaign—yield to her demands, she will hereafter make her communications perfect, and be prepared to move forward again when opportunity serves. The occupation of Pul-i-Khatun and Alikhanoff's attempt to seize Panjdeh show that she is beat even now upon advancing as far as she can up both the Hari Rud and Murghab. Once at Panjdeh she could dominate the Kushk Valley, whence unlimited forage could be drawn for a large army, as the low rolling hills and undulations are covered with grass in the summer. We are not, for the moment, concerned with the military details of a Russian occupation of Herat and the province of that name, and we therefore content ourselves with indicating broadly the great advantages which Russia would gain if she were allowed to push her frontier line so far south from Sarakhs as Momen Aga, Chasma Sabz, and Aktachi, and to extend her territory southwards from Merv to Maruchak. Badghis, which extends eastwards to the Hazara country at Kila Nau, is a country of rolling downs, long ridges, and undulations stretching away to the desert south of Merv. It is covered with luxuriant grass in spring and summer and the soil is marvellously fertile, gram crops growing in the hollows and even in the ridges without irrigation. It was once densely populated, but has long been nearly deserted owing to the Turkoman raids. It is rapidly being re-populated by Firuzkohi colonists from the Upper Murghab, sent by order of the Amir, and the Heratis themselves are anxious to settle in it. It is this rich country, only awaiting re-population, which Russia claims. The best efforts of our Boundary Commissioner and of the English Foreign Office will be needed to save it from being annexed by the Czar's officers, and we hope public opinion, both in this country and at home, will be so strongly excited that the claim so coolly made by M. Lessar and now rejected by Earl Granville will never be admitted.

An interesting reminiscence of the late Colonel Barnaby appears in the *Publisher's Circular*. He was, it seems, rather fidgety in the matter of proofs, and was in a state of feverish impatience until he got them. That he did not write for literary effect may be inferred from the following. On one occasion when a slight incongency of style was pointed out to him he wrote: "You are probably right about the repetition. . . . I write as I talk, and do not pretend to have any style. You are not the only person who has remarked about the repetition of the word. I have let two or three people look at the proofs. They are not connected with the press, but are average mortals—I call them my Foolometers. They like the book. I think they represent the majority of the reading public. . . . You will make a success." For "On Horseback through Asia Minor" Messrs. Sampson Low paid as a first instalment the sum of £2,500. Both this and the "Ride to Khiva" had a great success, and passed through many editions.

A short time ago a considerable quantity of bronze rings was found in the side of a railway cutting at Bergen, in the neighbourhood of Traunstein, in Upper Bavaria. They were lying together in a heap, about 2½ft. below the surface, and so cemented by the surrounding clay that they had to be separated with a pick-axe. They were grouped in bundles of five each; each bunch being quite packed, so to say, in the clay, apart from the others. Each ring was about one centimètre thick, open; the ends being thinned and somewhat flattened, and ending respectively as hook and eye; those ends were about seven centimètres (2¾in.) apart. The outer surface of the ring is rough, destitute of any ornament, and they do not seem as if intended for personal use. Indeed their size and appearance, weighing about seven ounces, and having a diameter of form 4¼in. to 5½in., do not help towards forming any opinion as to their destination. Similar rings have been found in other parts of Germany, chiefly in the south-west, but never in graves, thus excluding the supposition that they could have been designed for personal adornment. It has been suggested that they were simply "raw material," thrown into this shape for convenience of personal transport to market by retail dealers, like the flat metal buckles which have been also found in abundance. Some owner buried them for safety, probably thousands of years ago, and either failed to rediscover the spot, or never returned to dig up his property.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

WEDNESDAY, 25th March.

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HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(FROM MESSRS. FALCONER & Co.'s REGISTER.)

March 24th.

Thermometer—7 A.M.	72
Thermometer—1 P.M.	75
Thermometer—1 P.M.	74
Barometer—9 A.M. (Wet bulb)	66
Thermometer—9 A.M. (Wet bulb)	69
Thermometer—1 P.M. (Wet bulb)	69
Thermometer—Maximum	72
Thermometer—Minimum (over night)	71

HONGKONG TIDE-TABLE.

24TH MARCH TO 1ST APRIL, 1885.

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	High Waters. Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.	Low Waters. Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.
		h m	ft. in.	h m	ft. in.
Th.	26	m 7 10	1 11	m 10 18	0 6
F.	27	m 7 56 a	1 11		1 6
Sat.	28	m 8 38	2 3	m 0 35	
Sun.	29	m 9 17	2 1	m 1 7 a	1 5
		m 9 55 a	2 0	m 1 14	1 1
M.	30	m 10 33	1 10	m 1 54	0 9
Tu.	31	m 11 12	1 8	m 2 38	0 6
W.	1	m 11 52	1 6	m 3 28	0 5
		m 0 33 a	1 5	m 4 25	0 5
		m 1 19 a	1 5	m 5 36	0 6
		m 2 13 a	1 6	m 6 55	0 7
		m 3 16 a	1 8	m 8 16	0 8
		m 4 25 a	1 10	m 9 32	0 9
		m 5 36 a	2 0	m 10 38	0 10

The height of mean sea-level has been determined at 7.595 feet above zero of the tide-gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard; and the Low-water Ordinary Spring-Tides, to which datum the heights in these Tables are referred, as 5.595 feet above zero.

The heights in the Tables marked with a minus (—) sign are below Low-Water Ordinary Spring-Tides, and should be subtracted from the constants given above.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

24th March, 1885, at 4 P.M.

STATION.	Barometer reduced to sea level and 32° Fahr.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.	Rain last 24 hours.
Manila	29.83	87.0	56	W	2	b	—
Haiphong	29.80	90.3	68	ESE	2	c	—
Hongkong	29.86	74.9	78	ENE	1	c	—
Amoy	29.80	76.0	82	S	1	or	—
Shanghai	30.02	61.0	92	NNW	1	c	—
Nagasaki	29.96	—	—	E	2	—	—
Wladiwostock	30.01	21.9	—	—	0	c	—

25th March, 1885, at 10 A.M.

STATION.	Barometer reduced to sea level and 32° Fahr.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.	Rain last 24 hours.
Hollaso	29.94	81.0	—	NW	2	b	—
Haiphong							
Hongkong	30.09	68.3	95	WNW	1	c	0.37
Amoy	30.01	62.0	77	NE	1	o	—
Shanghai	30.25	65.0	76	NE	1	o	—
Nagasaki	30.15	—	—	N	3	—	0.03
Wladiwostock	30.09	19.4	—	N	3	c	—

The Barometer has risen particularly in the North. Gradients have therefore increased for fresh E. winds. The temperature has decreased along the coast. Overcast weather prevails.

W. DOBERCK.
Hongkong Observatory, 25th March, 1885.

METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

	Previous day, at 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.86	30.02	29.91
Temperature	74.9	69.3	63.5
Humidity	79	95	91
Direction of wind	E.N.E.	E.N.E.	E.
Force of wind	1	3	5
Weather	o.	o.	o.
Rain	—	0.20	—

1.—BAROMETER reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.
2.—TEMPERATURE in the shade in degrees and tenths Fahrenheit.
3.—HUMIDITY is percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4.—DIRECTION OF THE WIND to two points.
5.—FORCE OF THE WIND according to Beaufort Scale.
6.—STATE OF THE WEATHER: B. blue sky; C. detached clouds; D. drizzling rain; F. fog; G. gloomy; H. hail; L. lightning; O. overcast; P. passing showers; Q. squally; R. rain; S. snow; T. thunder; V. visibility; W. dew (wet).
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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship "CHUSAN," Captain H. Wyatt, with Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for LONDON via BOMBAY AND SUEZ CANAL on TUESDAY, the 31st March, at FOUR P.M.

Cargo will be received on board until TEN A.M. Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until TEN A.M., on the day of sailing.

Silk and Valuables for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay, *without transhipment*, arriving one week later than by the ordinary direct route via Colombo.

For further particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

N.B.—This steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for Marseilles.

A. McIVER,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1885.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MEDITERRANEAN, AND BLACK SEA PORTS, NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA;
ALSO,
LONDON AND ANTWERP, BORDEAUX, LE HAVRE, AND DUNKIRK.

ON TUESDAY, the 7th day of April, 1885, at NOON, the Company's Steamship "MELBOURNE," Commandant Minier, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON. Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M., on the 6th April, 1885. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1885.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer "CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO," will be despatched for San Francisco, viâ Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 7th April, at THREE P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, viâ Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany, by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

RETURN PASSAGES.—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20 % from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10 % will be made from Return Fare. Pre-paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25 % from Return Fare. *These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

EXTRACT

SIR HARRY PARKES,
Died March 22, 1885.

Veil the light, veil the light,
From the darkened room,

Let him lie, let him lie
In the solemn gloom.

All the pain is over—all—
He has answered to the call
From the voiceless tomb.

Lower the flag, lower the flag,
For a Life is sped,

Roll the drum, roll the drum,
For a Soul has fled.

Where the willows silent weep
Bear him gently to his sleep,
To his lonely bed!

Hush the song, hush the song,
For the cord is riven,

For a space, for a space,
Let the tears be given.

To the Spirit that has passed,
To the Spirit that at last
Goes from earth to heaven!

Mourn the Man, mourn the Man,
Emblem of the West,

Fearless heart, fearless heart,
He has stood the test,

He has suffered, suffered long,
He has suffered and been strong,
He has won his rest!

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Hongkong, 24th March, 1885.

A SWEDISH PRETENDER.

Berlin papers report the death some days ago, in a condition of great poverty, of a woman who passed for several years as one of the last surviving representatives of the House of Vasa. Her story was that she was a daughter of Gustavus IV., King of Sweden, by his wife, Frederika of Baden, and that after the abdication and exile of her father she was brought up at the Court of Carlsruhe. She returned to Sweden to claim her rights, although the ex-king had renounced all pretensions of any kind for himself and his family. She succeeded in persuading several persons of influence of the truth of her story, and, what was of more importance, the late King Charles XV. seems to have thought it probable, and manifested much interest in her welfare. He assigned her a yearly subsidy of 1,500 krone, afterwards increased to 3,000, But when King Oscar succeeded to thy throne in 1872 he had a searching inquiry made, which proved that the *soi-disante* princess was the daughter of a small Stockholm tradesman named Magnusson; that she was born in 1817, more than eight years after the abdication of Gustavus IV., and that her real baptismal name was Anna Florentine, and not Helga, as the "princess" gave out. She never abandoned her pretensions, but her adherents gradually died or fell off, and she became reduced to great destitution, dying in a garret near the Zoological Gardens in Stockholm.

"HOW TO REDUCE WEIGHT."

Do not try it. The *Field* is anxious to adopt measures to induce huntingmen to adopt measures to reduce their weight for the saddle. This is our advice on the subject, says the *Lancet*. Rest assured no measure will suffice which is not injurious to health. One man will put on weight with very little food, while another will undermine his stability by a reduction which appears moderate. The simple but golden rule is to eat *slowly* and masticate the food taken thoroughly, so that there may be time for the organism to make known its satisfaction with the supply placed at its disposal before the stomach is overloaded. The mistake made by hunting men and others, who, to use a common expression, "are as hungry as hunters," is that of coming home exhausted and eating ravenously. By this haste no time is allowed for the organic needs of the eater to cry, "Hold—enough!" It is like emptying a whole scuttleful of coal on the fire when it is only in need of a few dexterously placed lumps. The digestive organs being in fairly good working order, the repletion is not resented as it would be by a weakly "dyspeptic," and muscle and fat are laid on in excess. If we only ate more deliberately we should find half our accustomed quantity of food sufficient to satisfy the most eager cravings of hunger. What we call "appetite" is a misleading sensation. It is only remotely related to the actual demands of the organism. Let hunting men, and men of all classes who lead healthy active lives, resolve to eat and drink *slowly*. With this single precaution they will soon find that the tendency to "weight" diminishes, while the appetite being disciplined unconsciously by the formation of the habit, it will be needless, as it is useless, to live by rule as regards the nature or quality of the food taken.

SWORD-SWALLOWING.

One of the most revolting of the performances by which street-jugglers seek to attract the attention and the coppers of the idle, is that known as sword-swallowing. This may be an optical illusion, with a "trick" or telescopic sword, or the veritable passage into the gullet of a short blunt-edged weapon of solid iron. The latter, being the more realistic and disgusting method, is that generally practised, and is not more difficult of accomplishment than the introduction of the stomach-pump; but, the instrument being rigid and its direction unskilled, it is an extremely dangerous performance. Since its introduction or revival, about eight years ago, by a conjuror at the Westminster Aquarium, the trick has become a common one, and has been the cause of many accidents. Its most recent victim is a man named Henry Fry, aged thirty, who was admitted to the Newington Infirmary on Saturday, January 17. He stated that on the previous Thursday he was attempting to swallow a sword, a feat he had been in the habit of performing frequently, when he was seized with severe pain, and began to vomit blood. Difficulty of breathing and of swallowing followed, and he applied for admission to the infirmary, where he died last week. A very similar case is recorded in the eighth edition of Erichsen's *Science and Art of Surgery*, in which a juggler died, a few days after admission to University College Hospital, from perforation of the œsophagus, and injury to the pericardium. Tricks and exhibitions which entail abuse of the provisions of Nature, and danger to health and life, are as degrading to the spectator as to the performer, and cannot too strongly be deprecated. It is not, unfortunately, in the gutter only that they are to be found, but it is to be hoped that culture and education will, ere long, exercise more influence in the music-hall and in the street, and will extinguish, amongst others this objectionable class of so-called entertainment.—*British Medical Journal*.

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On Second-class Chinese Tenements .....at 2½ % Net per Annum.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
Agents for Phœnix Fire Office.
Hongkong, 5th August, 1881. [15

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS on FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS at ½ per Cent. Nett premium per Annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 20th May, 1881. [1

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

The Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SIEMSSEN & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1872. [12

THE SCOTTISH UNION & NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to INSURE against FIRE at Current Rates.

STOLTERFOHT & HIRST.
Hongkong, 14th November, 1884. [560

LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.

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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, 11th May 1881. [14

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STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1883.

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Surplus over all liabilities and Reserve Fund according to valuation made by the Government ..... £ 2,139,338.
Income for year 1883 ..... £ 2,717,599.

C. SETON LINDSAY,
Res. Manager,
Department of the East.
BIRLEY, DALRYMPLE & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong.

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SUN FIRE OFFICE.

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LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Agents.
Sun Fire Office.
Hongkong, 12th May, 1881. [13

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE to the extent of $60,000 on any one

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents,
Imperial Fire Insurance Company.
Hongkong, 9th May, 1881. [17

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF 1877. IN HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are Prepared to ACCEPT RISKS at Current Rates.

PUSTAU & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 18th January, 1884. [105

CALEDONIAN FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED 1805.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to issue Policies of Insurance against Fire on the usual terms.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, January, 1882. [947

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

CAPITAL (SUBSCRIBED), $1,000.000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
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WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, Queen's Road West,
Hongkong, 14th March, 1881. [1923

THE MANHATTAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

156 & 158, BROADWAY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to take applications for LIFE INSURANCE at reduced rates.

PUSTAU & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 1st August 1884. [64

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST. A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows—

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, 26th July, 1872. [11

NOTICE.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Is prepared to ACCEPT FIRST-CLASS RISKS at ¼ % nett per Annum, and other INSURANCES at Current Rates.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon, Penang, and the Philippines.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1882. [781

1885. NOW READY. 1885.

THE CHRONICLE & DIRECTORY FOR 1885.
With which is incorporated THE CHINA DIRECTORY.

(TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL ISSUE),
ROYAL OCTAVO, pp. 1,104 ..... $5.00.
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THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY has been thoroughly revised and brought up to date, and is again much increased in bulk.

It contains DESCRIPTIVE and STATISTICAL ACCOUNTS of, and DIRECTORIES for

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Do. Ladies' Directory
Do. Military Forces.
Do. Chinese Hongs.
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Hankow.
Ichang.
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NATAL SQUADRONS—
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The Work contains the New Scale of Hongkong STAMP DUTIES, which will shortly come into operation, also tables of COURT FEES, never before published.

The APPENDIX consists of over FOUR HUNDRED PAGES of closely printed matter, to which reference is constantly required by residents and those having commercial or political relations with the Countries embraced within the scope of the CHRONICLE and DIRECTORY.

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Chinese Passenger Act
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HONGKONG
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American Drills, 36 yards, per piece	$2.05 to 3.10
American Drills, 15lbs., per piece	$3.80 to 3.95
Cotton Yarn, No. 16 to 21, per 100 lbs.	$85.00 to 87.50
Cotton Yarn, No. 28 to 32, per 100 lbs.	$95.50 to 97.50
Cotton Yarn, No. 38 to 42, per 100 lbs.	$106.50 to 109.00
Cotton Yarn, Bombay	$67.50 to 74.00
Chints, per piece	79 to 1.75
Dyed Spotted Shirtings, per piece	$3.60 to 3.85
Dyed Brocades Shirtings, per piece	$3.65 to 3.70
English Drills, 30 yards, per piece	$2.55 to 2.85
English Drills, 14 lbs., per piece	$2.45 to 2.50
English Drills, 15 lbs., per piece	$2.85 to 2.90
Grey Shirtings, 7 lbs., per piece	$1.55 to 1.63
Grey Shirtings, 8 lbs., per piece	$1.77 to 1.85
Grey Shirtings, 8½ lbs., per piece	$1.95 to 2.22
Grey Shirtings, 9 lbs., per piece	$2.05 to 2.75
Grey Shirtings, 10 lbs., per piece	$2.97 to 3.99
Grey T-Cloths, 24yds. 4-32in.-8lbs. p. pc.	$1.20 to 1.25
Grey T-Cloths, 24yds. 4-32in. 7lbs. p. pc.	$1.85 to 1.70
Grey T-Cloths, 24yds 36in. 8lbs. XO p. pc.	$1.80 to 1.85
Grey T-Cloths, 24yds 36in. 8lbs. VV p. pc.	$2.30 to 2.35
Grey T-Cloths, 24yds 36in. 8lbs. XX p. pc.	$2.45 to 2.50
Handkerchiefs, Blue, per dozen	$0.60 to 0.66
Handkerchiefs, Brown, per dozen	$0.55 to 0.62
Handkerchiefs, Red, per dozen	$0.65 to 0.65
Handkerchiefs, Light Red, per dozen	$0.66 to 0.75
Velvet Black, 32 inches, per yard	$0.18 to 0.19
Velvet, Gentian, 32 inches per yard	$0.21 to 0.22
Velveteens, Black, per yard	$0.21 to 0.22
Velveteens, Gentian per yard	$0.28 to 0.29
White Shirtings, 54 reed, per piece	$2.15 to 2.35
White Shirtings, 64 to 66 reed, per piece	$2.45 to 2.65
White Shirtings, 68 to 80 reed, per piece	$2.80 to 3.90
White Shirtings, 600 reed, per piece	$3.45 to 3.50
White Shirtings, 7,000 reed, per piece	$3.20 to 3.27
White Shirtings, AA, per piece	$1.65 to 1.70
White Shirtings, EF, per piece	$5.30 to 5.32
White Shirtings, MH, per piece	$3.90 to 3.95
White Spotted Shirtings, per piece	$2.45 to 2.50
White Brocades, per piece	$2.50 to 2.65

WOOLLEN GOODS.

Blankets, 8 lbs., per pair	$3.45 to 3.55
Blankets, 9 lbs., per pair	$3.75 to 3.85
Blankets, 10 lbs., per pair	$4.25 to 4.45
Blankets, 12 lbs., per pair	$5.70 to 5.75
Camlets, 333, per piece	$13.50 to 14.00
Camlets, 88, per piece	$13.50 to 14.00
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Long Ells, MM Scarlet, per piece	$6.70 to 6.75
Long Ells, MM Assorted, per piece	$6.70 to 6.75
Long Ells, HH Scarlet, per piece	$6.70 to 6.75
Long Ells, HH Assorted, per piece	$6.70 to 6.75
Long Ells, H Scarlet, per piece	$6.65 to 6.70
Long Ells, H Assorted, per piece	$6.70 to 6.75
Spanish Stripes, per yard	$0.72 to 0.73

METALS.

Iron, Nail Rod, per picul	$2.65 to 2.70
Iron, Hoop, per picul	$2.85 to 3.10
Iron, Bar, per picul	$3.30 to 3.35
Iron, Wire, per picul	$6.35 to 6.35
Lead, WB, per picul	$4.45 to 4.50
Lead, LB, per picul	$4.20 to 4.25
Lead, Hole Chop, per picul	$4.05 to 4.10
Quicksilver, English, per picul	$55.00 to 55.20
Quicksilver, American, per picul	$55.00 to 55.20
Steel, English, per tub	$3.65 to 3.75
Steel, Swedish, per tub	$4.15 to 4.25
Spelter, per picul	$5.60 to 5.65
Tin, Malacca, per picul	$31.12½ to 34.30
Tin, Plates, per box	$4.40 to 4.95

PRODUCE.

Almonds, per picul	$22.00 to 2.50
Alum, 1st quality, per picul	$2.45 to .55
Alum, 2nd quality, per picul	$1.75 to 21.8
Bark, Camphor, per picul	$17.50 to 18.50
Beche de Mer, per picul	$30.00 to 55.00
Bees Wax, Japan, White, per picul	$17.20 to 17.50
Bees Wax, Hankow, Yellow, per picul	$44.00 to 46.50
Bees Wax, White, per picul	$73.50 to 73.00
Birds' Nests, 1st quality, per picul	$1,650 to 3,400
Birds' Nests, 2nd quality, per picul	$650 to 795
Birds' Nests, 3rd quality, per picul	$75.00 to 200
Birnstone, per picul	$2.55 to 2.60
Buffalo Cow Hides	$7.50 to 8.00

PRODUCE.

Camphor, packed, per picul	$12.70 to 13.50
Camphor, Barocs, clean, per picul	$5,500 to 8,900
Camphor, Refuse, per picul	$1,900 to 1,950
Cardamoms, Superior	$125 to 135
Cardamoms, Inferior, per picul	$22.00 to 23.00
Cloves, per picul	$35.00 to 36.50
Coals, Afloat, per ton	— to —
Coals, English steam, per ton	$10.10 to 10.40
Coals, Sydney, per ton	$9.41 to —
Cutch, per picul	$22.30 to 24.50
Copper, Sheathing, Japan, per picul	$20.50 to 21.00
Copper, Rod, Japan, per picul	$21.70 to 21.00
Copper, Nails, per picul	$22.50 to 23.30
Cotton, Bombay, per picul	$15.50 to 16.30
Cotton, Calcutta, per picul	$17.60 to 17.80
Cotton, Ningpo, per picul	$18.20 to 18.60
Cotton, Shanghai, per picul	$16.50 to 17.00
Cotton, Shantung, per picul	$16.20 to 16.53
Cotton, Tientsin, per picul	$17.60 to 17.70
Cotton, Taugchow, per picul	$17.50 to 18.00
Cotton Seeds, Saigon	$4.20 to 4.30
Cotton Seeds, Siam	$4.10 to 4.20
Cuttlefish, Japan	$22.50 to 23.00
Cuttlefish, Japan, without bones, p. pl.	$15.50 to 16.50
Cuttlefish, Chinese, per picul	$26.00 to 37.50
Dates, Black, per picul	Tls. 2.8.5 to 2.9.-
Dates, Red, per picul	Tls. 2.9.5 to 2.3.5
Dried Lily Flowers	$7.25 to 7.75
Elephant's Teeth, 4 to 5 pieces	$250 to 300
Elephant's Teeth, 7 to 8 pieces	$200 to 220
Flour, California, per sack of 50 lbs.	$1.50 to 1.55
Flour, American, per barrel of 100 lbs.	$3.20 to 3.80
Flour, American, per barrel of 200 lbs.	$6.2 to 6.45
Fungus	$22.00 to 30.00
Flints, per picul	$0.50 to 0.63
Ginseng, American, 1st quality, p. picul	$200 to 205
Ginseng, American, 2nd quality, p. picul	$160 to 210
Hams, Ordinary, per picul	Tls. 17.7.0 to 18.0.0
Hams, Superior, per picul	Tls. 20.5.0 to 21.0.0
Hemp, Hankow, per picul	$10.50 to 12.00
Hemp, Siam, per picul	$10.40 to 11.00
Isinglass, Japan, per picul	$33.00 to 37.00
Melon Seeds, 1st quality, per picul	$4.80 to 5.30
Melon Seeds, 2nd quality, per picul	$4.50 to 4.70
Mushrooms, per picul	$38.0 to 46.50
Mussels, Dry Siam large, per picul	$8.25 to 9.10
Mussels, Dry Siam middle, per picul	$7.25 to 7.45
Mussels, Dry Siam small, per picul	$6.15 to .35
Pea Oil, per picul	Tls. 6.4.0 to 6.5.0
Peas, White, per picul	$2.15 to 2.25
Peas, Green, per picul	$2.35 to 2.39
Peas, Black, per picul	$1.93 to 2.10
Peas, Yellow, per picul	$2.13 to 2.18
Peas, Green Beans, per picul	$2.15 to 2.20
Pearl Barley, per picul	$4.70 to 4.80
Potatoe Flour, per picul	Tls. 1.3.0 to 1.3.5
Rhinoceros Horn, per picul	$3,600 to 3,700
Rhinoceros Horn, Mother, per picul	$2,000 to 2,400
Rice, Siam, No. 1, per picul	$1.83 to 1.87
Rice, Siam, No. 2, per picul	$1.70 to 1.71
Rice, Siam, milled No. 1, per picul	$1.64 to 1.65
Rice, Siam, milled No. 2, per picul	$1.40 to 1.42
Rice, Saigon, No. 1, per picul	$1.87 to 1.90
Rice, Saigon, Hemp bags	$1.72 to 1.74
Rice, Saigon, Straw bags	$1.70 to 1.71
Rice, Japan	$2.10 to 2.55
Saltpetre, per picul	$5.25 to 5.75
Seaweed, Green, per picul	$1.98 to 2.10
Seaweed, Cut, per picul	$2.35 to 3.40
Sesamum, White, per picul	$4.95 to 5.11
Sesamum, Black, per picul	Tls. 2.4.5 to 2.5.5
Sharkfins, per picul	$35.00 to 80.00
Shellfish, Japan, per picul	$37.00 to 99.00
Shellfish, Japan, per picul	$11.50 to 12.00
Shellfish, California, per picul	$26.00 to 37.50
Snookfish, per picul	$5.00 to 6.50
Straits Produce, &c.—	
Betel Nut, per picul	$4.17 to 4.21
Pepper, White, per picul	$37.40 to 37.40
Pepper, Black, per picul	$16.30 to 16.50
Rattan, Straits, per picul	$5.25 to 5.45
Rattans, Bangur, per picul	$4.25 to 4.60
Sandal Wood, Malabar, per picul	$3.75 to .0
Sandal Wood, South Seas, per picul	$17.40 to 17.5
Sapan Wood, Manila, per picul	$1.48 to 1.55
Sapan Wood, Siam, per picul	$2.25 to 2.35
Sugar, Shek-lung, White, No. 1, per picul	$7.50 to 8.05
Sugar, Shek-lung, White, No. 2, per picul	$7.75 to 7.93
Sugar, Shek-lung, Brown, per picul	$4.25 to 4.30
Sugar Candy, Shek-lung, per picul	$7.75 to 7.95
Sugar Candy, Foochow, per picul	$8.5 to 8.20
Sugar Candy, Swatow, White, per picul	$8.75 to 7.80
Vermicelli, Tientsin, per picul	$7.50 to 7.70
Wheat, Tientsin, per picul	$2.15 to 2.20
Wheat, Japan, per picul	$2.15 to 2.20
Wood Oil, per picul	Tls. 6.3.0 to 6.3.-
Window Glass, per box	3.15 to 3.30

SHIPPING IN THE CHINA WATERS.

HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

VESSELS.	DATE OF ARRIVAL	CAPTAIN.	FLAG AND RIG.	TONS.	CONSIGNEES.	DESTINATION.
Active	Feb. 6	Ravsbeck	Dan. str	268	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	
Airlie	Mar. 15	Ellis	Brit. str	1492	Russell & Co	Adelaide
Alwine	Mar. 23	P. Moos	Ger. str	400	A. R. Marty	
Amy	Mar. 22	E. D. Morgan	Br. st. yt	—	Captain	
Anton	Mar. 25	G. Aerebol	Ger. str	396	Wieler & Co	
Benakler	Mar. 22	James Ross	Brit. str	1391	Gibb, Livingston & Co	Hiogo
Canton	Mar. 12	Bremner	Brit. str	1095	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Hiogo
Devonshire	Mar. 23	Purvis	Brit. str	1300	Russell & Co	Hiogo
Diamante	Mar. 24	Stuck	Brit. str	511	Russell & Co	Manila
Estrella	Cor. 8	de Olea n	Span. str	181	Reynolins & Co	
Euripides	Mar. 5	J. Hord	Brit. str	1153	Adamson, Bell & Co	
Fame	—	Stönnies	Hamburg	117	H. & W. Dock Co.	
Feklan	Mar. 24	G. Westoby	Brit. str	509	Douglas Lapraik & Co	Coast Ports
Glenorchy	Mar. 21	F. Gedge	Brit. str	1775	Jardine, Matheson & Co	
Greyhound	Mar. 24	D. Scott	Brit. str	327	Adamson, Bell & Co	
Hankow	—	J. Olsson	Brit. str	2231	Butterfield & Swire	Canton
Heron	Sept. 23	Oberg	Brit. str	—	Pustau & Co	
Honam	—	T.T. Banning	Brit. str	1341	H.C. & M. Steamboat Co	Canton
Iracuaddy	Mar. 23	H. Macé	Fr. str	2477	Messageries Maritimes	
Kennett	Mar. 18	Sanderson	Brit. str	1153	Chinese	Rangoon
Kinkiang	—	A. Benning	Brit. str	1081	H.C. & M. Steamboat Co	Macao
Kiungchow	—	S.W. Goggin	Brit. str	288	H.C. & M. Steamboat Co	Canton
Kwang-lee	Mar. 23	Andrews	Amr. str	1597	Russell & Co	
Marie	Mar. 25	W. Schnefer	Ger. str	714	Wieler & Co	
Modusa	Mar. 22	Rogussin	A.-H. str	1776	A.-H. Lloyd's S. N. Co	Trieste
Monsaleh	Mar. 21	Benois	Fr. str	1276	Messageries Maritimes	Yokohama
Mobile	Mar. 19	C. Deart	Brit. str	916	P. & O. S. N. Co	Bombay
Numoa	Feb. 21	Pitman	Brit. str	843	Douglas Lapraik & Co	Coast Ports
Olympia	Mar. 22	Christiansen	Ger. str	781	Siemssen & Co	
Oopack	Mar. 25	Thomson	Brit. str	1730	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	
Pembrokeshire	Mar. 21	Davies	Brit. str	1718	Adamson, Bell & Co	
Power	—	Defavour	Brit. str	1842	H.C. & M. Steamboat Co	Canton
Prince Arthur	Mar. 25	F. I. Kaffor	Brit. str	1047	P. & O. S. N. Co	
Rory	Mar. 19	Marsden	Brit. str	1393	Russell & Co	Saigon
Sarioux	Feb. 4	Buckman	Brit. str	495	Jardine, Matheson & Co	
Sea Gull	—	Lesbirel	Amr. str	48	C. Traders' Insurance Co	
Taichiow	Mar. 24	Jordan	Brit. str	852	Yuen Fat Hang	
Thibet	Mar. 15	W. D. Mudie	Brit. str	1481	P. & O. S. N. Co	Yokohama
Ulysses	Mar. 23	Brammer	Brit. str	1580	Butterfield & Swire	Shanghai
Vespasian	Mar. 12	J. Alexander	Brit. str	794	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Saigon
Whampoa	—	Clarke	Brit. str	552	H. C. & M. Steamboat Co	
W.-o'-the-Wisp	Dec. 22	Owston	Brit. str	166	Pustau & Co	

SAILING VESSELS.

Alden Besse	Dec. 9	J. A. O'Brien	Amr. bk	812	Melchers & Co	[illegible] and Hamilton
Alex. McNeil	Dec. 29	G. W. David	Amr. sh	1088	Carlowitz & Co	[illegible] Mexico
Anna Siebin	Feb. 28	A. Paulsen	Ger. bk	604	Wieler & Co	
Anton Gunther	Mar. 4	Steinbrugge	Ger. bk	411	Melchers & Co	
Archos	Mar. 3	W. Berker	Brit. bk	459	Order	
Blanche Moor	Mar. 7	E. Hose	Brit. sh	917	Russell & Co	
Caron Ventura	Feb. 27	Ureasandi	Span. bk	981	Order	
Centaur	Dec. 29	Offersen	Brit. bk	468	Wieler & Co	Honolulu
Chandernagor	Jan. 29	Geo. Parker	Brit. bk	700	Order	
Christine	Mar. 21	J. Wildfang	Ger. bk	542